



NEWS RELEASE

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The Woodlands Township COVID-19 Update, Wednesday, April 15, 2020



Message of Support Lights The Woodlands Town Center

The lights in Town Center have been turned to blue to show support to all medical personnel serving on the frontlines of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). The turning basin lights on the water wall have also been changed and are lit up red, white and blue.

Board of Directors Meeting

The Woodlands Township Board of Directors will hold a regular meeting via videoconference at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 16, 2020. Watch the video at <http://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/778/Meeting-Videos>.

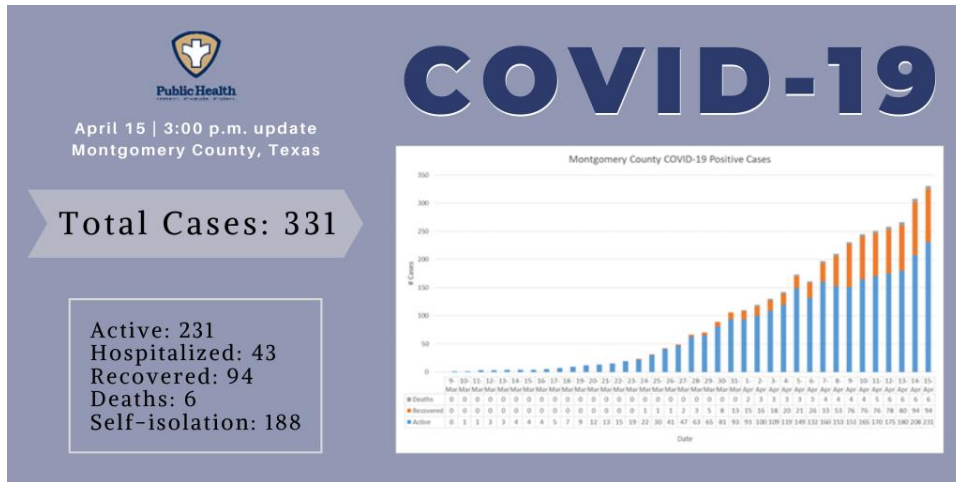
Today's County News

Montgomery County COVID-19 Case Count

Montgomery County Public Health District, in conjunction with Montgomery County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, confirms there are now 331 total positive cases of COVID-19, up 23 cases from yesterday. 94 people have recovered from COVID-19.

Details on Montgomery County cases can be found here: <https://mcphd-tx.org/coronavirus-covid-19/confirmed-cases/>.

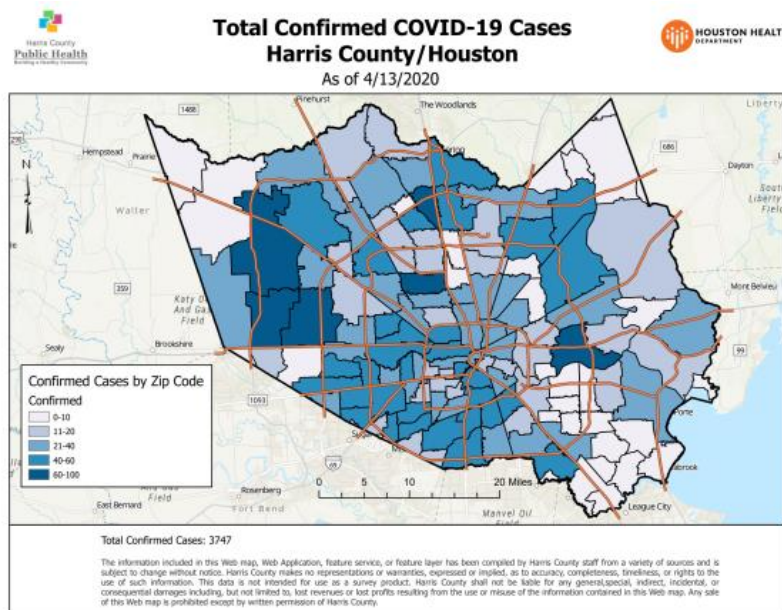
Montgomery County Office of Emergency Management updates a dashboard for the cases here: <https://coronavirus-response-moco.hub.arcgis.com/>.



Harris County COVID-19 Case Count

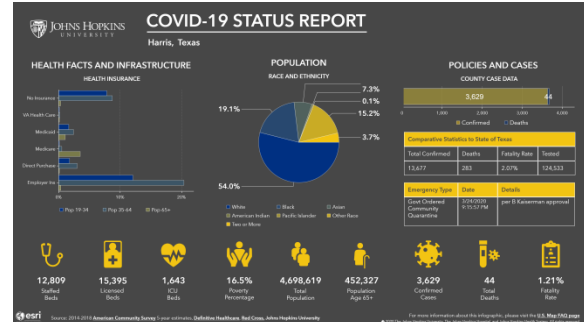
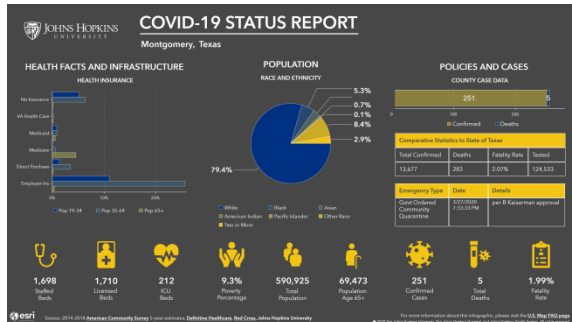
As of April 15, 2020 (4:00 p.m.), Harris County Public Health (HCPH) has 138 new cases of COVID-19, which brings the total to 1,766 positive cases. HCPH is also confirming that 541 of its patients have recovered. Harris County lists by quadrants, and the Village of Creekside Park is located in the NW Quadrant, where there are 618 active cases, 303 recovered and 16 deaths. There have been 32 total deaths of COVID-19 in Harris County. None of these numbers include the City of Houston. A full description of the numbers can be found here:

<https://tinyurl.com/tzymvk5>





Statistics from Johns Hopkins University



For additional updated interactive graphics on cases in Harris and Montgomery Counties, please visit the links below:

Montgomery: <https://bao.arcgis.com/covid-19/jhu/county/48339.html>

Harris: <https://bao.arcgis.com/covid-19/jhu/county/48201.html>

Two Mobile Testing Sites Coming to Precinct 4 Harris County

Tomball, Humble to Be Home to COVID-19 Testing Sites Within Week

Harris County Commissioner R. Jack Cagle announced the opening of two COVID-19 testing sites in Precinct 4 within the week at locations in Tomball and Humble.

Harris County Public Health opened the first testing site in Tomball on Tuesday, April 14. That site will perform testing on registered visitors from April 14-16 and April 27-29. A second Public Health testing site will open in Humble on Monday, April 20. The Humble location will test registered visitors from April 20-22 and May 7-9.

Each site is expected to handle as many as 100 tests per day, with that number increasing daily. The addresses of the sites will be provided to those successfully completing their registration, but will otherwise remain undisclosed to discourage unregistered visitors. **Unregistered visitors will not be tested and will be turned away by security officials.**

To determine whether you should be tested for COVID-19, please visit <https://checkforcorona.com/harris-county#/welcome>. Those deemed to be at risk for coronavirus will be given a code and phone number to call. After a telephone consultation, those still deemed to be at risk will be given another unique code and information on where and when they are to be tested. Those assigned for testing should bring a photo ID and any other information requested by the phone screener. **Walk-ins will not be tested.**

Those with questions may call Harris County Public Health at 832-927-7575 for more information. Commissioner Cagle thanks Harris County Public Health officials for working with Precinct 4 staff to make both sites available as soon as possible.

COVID-19 Testing in Montgomery County

Please read the latest information on [testing availability in Montgomery County](#).



Township News



Getting Counted Counts — Especially in Emergencies

The Township encourages residents to make sure they are counted in the 2020 Census. The U.S. Census is immensely valuable in times of emergency planning, preparedness and recovery efforts for all types of emergencies, including COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Survey statistics can help identify counties with large at-risk populations, assist in measuring economic impact and more. This is only possible when people and businesses respond to the Census. Read more about the [2020 census here](#).

Help Our Heroes on Thursday, April 16, 2020



A steady flow of items have been donated to the Central Fire Station. Over 21 groups have donated the following items during the first week of collection, April 6 and 9, 2020.

- Shoe/Hair covers: 420
- Gloves: 3,900
- Face shields: 135
- Masks (homemade, surgical and N95): 818
- Sanitizing wipes containers: 21
- Sanitizer bottles: 6
- Sterile isolation gowns: 23
- DuPont personal protection suits: 20
- Safety goggles: 43
- Paper towel rolls: 52
- Commercial trifold paper towels: 20 boxes of 220/box
- Gallon-size cleaners: 7
- Alcohol: 1

Please consider donating materials if you have them on-hand. Your help is greatly appreciated! Collection Days and Locations are Mondays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Central Fire Station, located at 9951 Grogan's Mill Rd., The Woodlands, TX 77380. Please email pbuck@thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov if you can help.



- **Supplies Needed:**

Isolation gowns

Gloves

Masks – N95s, surgical, procedure, etc.

Hair Covers

Full Face Shields

PAPR Hoods – Typically only used when doing an aerosolizing procedure.

Eyewear – Face shields, reusable goggles or disposable glasses

Boot Covers / Shoe Covers

Germicidal Wipes

Disinfectant Spray / Paper Towels



Experience The Woodlands with Safe Social Distancing

Looking to try new restaurants or shops while social distancing? Save this passport to your phone and check off these "destinations" as you support dining and shopping options in The Woodlands. You can visit these destinations by making [purchases from local stores](#) and [ordering from area restaurants](#). Post your progress to encourage your friends and neighbors to participate. Snap photos of your food and purchases and be sure to share them on social media, tagging the business and using #SoWoodlands.

Gardening with Children: Easy Strategies During Social Distancing

With the extra time created by social distancing, gardening is an activity that children of all ages can enjoy. Here are a few [tips to get you started with minimal supplies and minimal cost](#).

Please Stay Safe! Practice Social Distancing

For pedestrians using the pathways, please remain a minimum of 6 feet apart. Be sure to stay to the right, watch for other pathway users, be especially alert when running, and listen for audible signals and allow faster pathway users to pass freely. And remember, parks are closed for everyone's safety.

Reminder: Parks Are Still Closed

The Woodlands Township urges all residents and visitors to continue to do their part to slow the spread of COVID-19 and reminds that all Township parks are closed to the public until further notice. "This is an unprecedented time, and we urge Township residents and visitors to abide by the closures for their own safety and the safety of our area," said Township Chairman Gordy Bunch. "We cannot let our guard down in this endeavor."



Community Resources

Jobs, Food Banks,
Hotlines



Numerous resources are available in the community for support. These vary from food banks to financial assistance and much more. Please visit the link below to find more information about resources in the community related to COVID-19:

<http://thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/1491/Community-Resources>.

Community Resources

Mental Health
Self Testing
Grocery
Child Care
Make a Mask
Food Banks
Hotels
Business
Blood Drives
United Way
Restaurants

Need some help thinking about all of this? COVID-19 Mental Health Support Line

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) has launched a statewide mental health support line to help Texans experiencing anxiety, stress or other emotional challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This resource offers support for all Texans and can be reached any time day or night at 833-986-1919.

The line is operated by the [Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD](#), and offers trauma-informed support and psychological first aid to those experiencing mental health symptoms related to COVID-19. Counseling services are confidential and free of charge. More information on mental health resources and your local mental health authority can be found on [HHSC's website](#).

[View additional state and national mental health resources and contact information.](#)

Mosaics of Mercy

Mosaics of Mercy is a non-profit that serves as a hub for resources for mental well-being. The organization stays current on the available mental health resources for our community, including the status of treatment programs, counselors seeing clients through telehealth, and virtual support groups.

More information can be found at www.mosaicsofmercy.com. Help is available Monday - Friday from 9 am - 5 pm at 346-703-0051 for personal assistance navigating resources. There are current resources listed at <https://mosaicsofmercy.com/coronavirus/>. New episodes of the Hope Pieced Together podcast are released weekly, interviewing local professionals on topics related to mental well-being for this period. <https://mosaicsofmercy.com/hope-pieced-together/>.

Suicide Awareness and Prevention Podcast

Mosaics of Mercy has released a podcast on suicide that covers how warning signs might be different right now due to COVID-19 and what to look for, how to open up the conversation with someone, virtual training, what to do if someone shares they are suicidal, resources available now, walking through the grief of suicide and much more. [Listen to the podcast](#). This is also available on iTunes, Stitcher, Apple Play, and all of the other major podcast platforms. The podcast is hosted by Whitcomb Terpening, LCSW. She is a counselor in the area that has one of the only practices in the US that specializes in suicide. She was recently written up in a USA Today article and she is part of the leadership of the local Suicide Prevention Task Force.

The Township's Coronavirus page

The Woodlands Township's special COVID-19 information page can be found at www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/covid19. This page features Montgomery and Harris county Hubs, community resources and updated COVID-19 news from the Federal Government and the CDC. This page also includes the latest news from The Township, updates from partner agencies, social distancing strategies, important links, frequently asked questions, live Twitter feeds and more.



Hotlines for health questions and COVID-19

Montgomery County: 936-523-5040 Harris County: 713-634-1110

Free Self-Screening Tool for COVID-19

Visit the self-screening tool on the CDC website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

Tracking COVID-19: Local, Regionally, Nationally, Internationally

Below are the widgets for tracking COVID19.

- [Montgomery County](#)
- [Texas Counties Statewide](#)
- [Texas Department of Health and Human Services Case Counts](#)
- [Global Cases](#)

Stay Connected

Please stay connected to The Woodlands Township through our many communications channels. Learn more and sign up at www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/stayinformed.



The Woodlands Township publishes this update to inform residents and businesses regarding the COVID-19 and its impact on The Woodlands Township. Please sign up for Township news and notifications at www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/notifyme.